

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-10 OIC-02 PM-03 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15

L-02 H-01 AID-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07 FRB-03 INR-07

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OMB-01 PC-01 PA-01 PRS-01 USIA-06 STR-01 CEA-01 /096 W  
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R 041600Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7472

INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, OAS, IA-ECOSOC, TD

SUBJ: U.S. TRADE ACT

REF: (A) POS 496; (B) POS 426; (C) STATE 35339;  
AND PREVIOUS

1. AS NOTED IN REF (A), GOTT IS STILL WORKING  
ON ITS INTERNAL STUDY OF THE U.S. TRADE ACT.  
WHEN GOTT POSITION IS FORMALIZED, (PROBABLY LATER  
THIS WEEK), I WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO  
DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD APPEAR ADVANTA-  
GEOUS TO URGE HIGH-LEVEL TRINIDADIAN PARTICIPATION  
IN THE IA-ECOSOC MINISTERIAL MEETING MARCH 10-15.  
INASMUCH AS FINANCE MINISTER GEORGE CHAMBERS JUST  
RETURNED FROM AN EXTENDED TRIP ABROAD (INCLUDING  
NEARLY TWO WEEKS IN THE U.S.), IT MIGHT BE BETTER  
IF MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ERROL MAHABIR COULD  
ATTEND. MAHABIR, HOWEVER, HAS ALREADY SAID  
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THAT "TRINIDAD WILL PROTEST THE U.S. TRADE ACT"

(REF B), AND PM WILLIAMS HAS STATED THAT TRINIDAD  
SUPPORTS THE VENEZUELAN AND CUADOREAN OBJECTIONS  
TO THE OPEC EXCLUSION FROM THE U.S. GSP.

2. DESPITE STATEMENTS BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND  
AND MAHABIR, HOWEVER, I AM ENCOURAGED BY NEW SIGNS THAT  
GOTT MAY BE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE ABOUT THE  
TRADE ACT, AS EVIDENCED BY LENGTHY SESSION DESCRIBED  
REF (A). ONCE GOTT REACHES A FORMAL POSITION, IT MAY  
TURN OUT THAT TRINIDAD CAN PROVIDE SOME CONSTRUCTIVE  
CRITICISM.  
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